

(b) whether the State Government have presented any scheme to the Union Government for implementation of all programmes in energy institutions of the State ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) By the end of 1996-97, 88 Development Blocks have been taken up under Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The State Government has not presented any schemes to the Union Government for implementation of all these programmes in energy institutions of the State.

[Translation]

#### Development of Communication in Uttar Pradesh

2632. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :  
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent for the development of communications system in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the telecommunications is not working properly in the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The amount spent on development of Communication system in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is given below :

Year	Amount (Rs. Crores)
1994-95	391.45
1995-96	593.68
1996-97	677.26

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Telecommunications system in Uttar Pradesh is comparable with the National average in terms of such parameters as percentage of Waiting List to number of DELs, Fault rate and call completion rates.

(d) A number of steps have already been taken in this regard and are being continued for the improvement of the Telecommunications in the State as detailed below :

- (1) Computerisation of services.
- (2) Introduction of new technology in the network.
- (3) Replacement of old and life expired exchanges.
- (4) Upgradation of outdoor plant.
- (5) Use of Jelly filled cables.
- (6) Laying of cables in ducts.
- (7) 'Higher Level Monitoring System' for exchanges.

- (8) Introduction of reliable media for junction working.
- (9) Refresher training for staff to improve their skill.
- (10) Introduction of wireless in local loop, HDSL, ADSL contracts and Optical Fibre Technologies gradually in the local network.
- (11) To provide STD facility to all exchanges by the year 2000 A.D.
- (12) Expand the network to make available telephone on demand.
- (13) Introduction of new services such as :
  - ISDN
  - Intelligent network
  - Internet
  - Mobile Satellite Services.

[English]

#### Bedding Services

2633. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services for providing beddings in train Nos. 2802, 2815, 8476 is very poor;

(b) if so, whether the contracts for providing beddings, pillows, blankets, towels in A/C sleepers are given to private parties in the said trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to take expeditious steps to redress the complaints in A/C coaches; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bed roll service in train No. 2801/2802 is managed by a private contractor while the same is done by the railway administration in train Nos. 2815/2816 and 8475/8476

(d) and (e) Complaints received including those in A/C coaches are investigated and necessary remedial action including disciplinary action against the staff causing complaints is taken.

[Translation]

#### AIR Stations in Gujarat

2634. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio Stations in Gujarat as on date particularly in tribal areas; location-wise;

(b) whether the programmes relating to the promotion of tribal culture are not being broadcast from these stations;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by the Government to broadcast such programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are 7 All India Radio Stations located in Gujarat namely, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhuj, Vadodra, Godhra, Surat and Ahwa. Out of these 7 stations, Vadodra, Surat Ahwa and Godhra are located in tribal areas.

(b) to (d) The 4 stations located in tribal areas are All India Radio, Ahmedabad broadcast programmes for the promotion of the tribal culture in addition to other programmes.

#### **Production of Iron Ore and Steel**

2635. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :  
SHRI G. A. CHARAN REDDY :  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of production of iron ore and steel during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and upto June, 1997 in the country, State-wise, plant-wise both in Public and Private Sector;

(b) the grade-wise quantity and value of iron ore and steel produced and the target fixed for its production for the current year;

(c) the total quantity of iron ore and steel exported to the various countries alongwith the details of the countries during the said period;

(d) the details of foreign exchange earned by exporting iron ore and steel;

(e) whether some more areas having iron ore reserves have been explored in the country;

(f) if so, the quantity of iron ore reserves estimated to be available therein;

(g) the details of steel projects set up at various places in the country during 1994-97 and the likely effects thereof;

(h) whether all the steel plants including Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro have shown a decline in production; and

(i) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the production of steel ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) As reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur the Statewise, sectorwise production of iron ore in the country during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and April-June 1997 is enclosed in the Statement-I attached. The details of producer-wise production of finished steel for the last 4 years and upto June 1997 in the public sector and the private sector is enclosed in the Statement - II attached.

(b) As per the latest information available with IBM, the quantity and value of iron ore produced during 1996-97 was 66.67 million tonnes valued at Rs. 1415 crores, details may be seen in the Statement-III attached. After decontrol of iron and steel, the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel assesses the domestic demand and projects the availability annually for each category of finished steel. For the year 1997-98 demand for finished steel has been estimated at 24.71 million tonnes. The item-wise details are in the Statement-IV attached.

(c) and (d) The quantity and value of exports of iron ore & steel during the last 3 years is as under :

	Qty - in Million Tonnes		Value - Rs. Crores	
	Iron Ore (Prov.)		Saleable Steel	
	Qty.	Value	Qty	Value
1994-95	31.75	1561	1.32	1238
1995-96	31.77	1782	1.50	1696
1996-97	29.65	1887	1.92	2039

While Export of Iron Ore is mainly to Japan, China, Korea, Iran, Italy, Turkey, Pakistan, Australia etc., exports of Steel is made to China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Germany, Australia etc.

(e) The total recoverable reserve of iron ore in the country (As on 1-4-1990) was as follows :

Haematite 9602 million tonnes (All Grades)

Magnetite 3143 million tonnes (All Grades)

Because of the self sufficiency and exportable surplus status in the reserve position of iron ores, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has diverted its resources for exploration of commodities other than iron ores since more than a decade.